

Fair and warmer tonight;
cloudy, cooler tomorrow;
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RIDGELY THINKS OUR FINANCES ON A SOUND BASIS

Country Has Stood the
Slump in Stock Prices
Well, He Says.

HIS ADDRESS TO BANKERS

Comptroller Believes in Cur-
rency Reform, and Wishes
Greenbacks Retired.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 22.—The Hon. William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, addressed the bankers' convention here today on "The Business Situation and the Currency." He said in part:

"During the years of active and prosperous business which we have had since the country began to recover from the depression following the panic of 1893, there has been a marked improvement in the fundamental condition of our people, and the amount of both capital and wealth they have produced and saved. This is especially true among the farming and producing classes, who have not only paid off a vast amount of debt, but have accumulated money and property of all kinds, to a greater extent than ever before.

Increase in Gold.

"There has been a great increase in the volume of money in circulation among the people, and there is more money in the banks to their credit. Since 1896 there has been a greater increase in the amount of money in circulation than during any other like period, and about 80 per cent of this increase has been in gold. We are continuing to add about eighty millions a year to our gold in circulation, and about one-half of all the currency in circulation is gold. Our prosperity in business has been based on the best foundation. It has been the result of the most legitimate causes and forces, and all these are not only still in operation, but give every evidence of continuance."

Turning to the stock market and kindred interests, the Comptroller said that the truth is that the country has gone too fast in speculation and promotion, and the recent depreciation in values has followed as a logical sequence. Continuing, Mr. Ridgely said:

Currency Reform.

"I am a thorough believer in a currency reform and agree with those who wish to see the greenbacks retired, the silver withdrawn down to the point where it is practically subsidiary coinage or currency, leaving nothing in circulation but gold, as coin or certificates, and a real bank note circulation by gold reserves with such regulations for issue and redemption that it would be a matter of indifference to the banks whether their credits remained with them as deposits or were circulating as notes."

"This is the only true solution of our currency matters, and I hope to see it some day accomplished. This, however, is a thing which can only be gradually done, and has little or no practical bearing on the present business situation."

Banks Not Impaired.

Turning again to the late depreciation in values, he said there have been repeated slumps in prices of stocks since May, 1901, and consequent collapses and failures, but the country has stood it all well, and this is a good sign that it will continue to stand it.

"Many think that the decrease in the percentage of reserves in banks is reason for belief that things are going to the bad, but," said Mr. Ridgely, "the banks have not been impaired in the least by the late drafts on them, for the money lost in the last few months has been but a portion of the profits made on the rise previously. The slump, therefore, has not affected the banks materially."

In conclusion, Mr. Ridgely said: "The course of business today largely depends upon the bankers. If the banks continue to act wisely and conservatively, as they have, they can avert anything like serious trouble and keep the country in shape for a continuance of prosperous times."

PLEHVE DISAPPROVES OF JEWISH TOLERANCE

BERLIN, Oct. 22.—The "Staatsbürger Zeitung" announces that M. Plehve, Russian minister of the interior, does not sympathize with the growth of Jewish tolerance in Russian circles. He has, accordingly, appointed a commission to report to him as to the best means of encouraging the emigration of the "hated Semite." Plehve himself, says the paper, favors the creation of a fund of several million dollars to give aid to Jews who wish to get out of Russia.

WEATHER REPORT.

The eastward movement of the lake disturbance will continue tonight from the upper Ohio Valley over the Middle Atlantic States, and its passage will be followed by lower temperature in the Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley, and the lower lake region tomorrow.

In the West Indies the barometer has risen slowly, but there is still evidence of disturbed conditions favorable to a storm development over the southern part of the Gulf of Mexico.

THE TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 53 p. m. 59
2 p. m. 61
1 p. m. 61

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 5:13 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:18 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 9:36 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 9:51 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow 5:30 a. m., 4:59 p. m.

SPIRITUALISTS IN A STORMY SESSION OVER VITAL TENETS

Heated Quarrel Between Representative Schirm
and Others Nearly Disrupts Convention.

Disruption of the convention of the National Spiritualists' Association, in session at the Regent Hotel, was threatened at the morning session today, over an attempt to adopt that part of the ritual suggested by the committee on usages, which provides christening, marriage, and burial ceremonies. Representative Charles R. Schirm, of Baltimore, led the fight for the adoption of the ritual, and the attacks upon the methods he employed were so bitter as to provoke a response defending his position and his record as a member of Congress.

That portion of the ritual for marriage, burial, and christening services had been laid upon the table at a former session. Mr. Schirm made a motion this morning that the sections be taken from the table and adopted, though not made mandatory upon mediums for use. The opposition to the motion was bitter and an effort was made to prove that the ritual having been laid upon the table for one year it could not be considered before that time.

Beginning of the Fight.

Mr. Schirm was technical in insisting upon strict parliamentary rulings and in this manner gained many points, until two or three delegates in unison made speeches complaining that all the delegates were not lawyers and that not all had served in Congress, but that many were poor mortals who were compelled to depend upon fair play.

Springing to his feet.

Springing to his feet, Mr. Schirm declared that he was tired of the reflections upon his fairness because he happened to have served in Congress. He asked that all such innuendoes should cease, since he had not feared to jeopardize his chances of return to Congress by publicly proclaiming that he was a spiritualist.

Report on Laxity

OF OFFICIAL METHODS

Industrial Home School
Charges Probed.

BAD CONDITIONS FOUND

Commissioners Informed That Analysis
Showed Water in Milk
Furnished.

A series of communications, constituting a preliminary report on the charges of lax administration now pending against the superintendent and other officials of the Industrial Home School, are before the District Commissioners, and were made public today. Among the letters is one from Dr. Woodward, dated October 6, and containing the following comment on the sanitary conditions existing at the school:

"An inspection made on September 19 showed, however, that the milk was still kept in a dairy room or spring house, said room or house being in an unsanitary condition; the water in which the milk cans stand being foul, the trough containing the spring water running through the dairy ditch, the drain pipe from the dairy foul and slimy, and the floor dirty. The place was, moreover, permeated by a foul odor. This matter was duly called to the attention of the acting superintendent on duty at the time."

Another extract from the same letter says an investigation was made of milk as it reached the institution. An analysis of milk received on September 28 showed it to be not only diluted, but in reality mixed with water.

CONSUL AT JERUSALEM ACCUSED BY A WOMAN

Lydia M. Von Finkelstein Mountford
Says Dr. Merrill Has Malignated Her.
Instigated by Envy and Jealousy.

Lydia M. von Finkelstein Mountford, director of exhibits and displays of the Jerusalem Exhibit Company for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, called at the White House today for the purpose of lodging complaint against Dr. Selah Merrill, United States consul at Jerusalem. She has already taken the matter up with the State Department and hoped to have the President intercede.

She maintains the consul has been maligning her; has called her a "Russian Jewess" and a "British subject," and has even gone so far as to assault her character in the most unwarranted manner. She alleges the attacks are due to jealousy because she has not the position with the company which he desired. She did not get an audience with the President.

PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH INVESTIGATORS

A conference was held today by the President with Attorney General Knox, Charles J. Bonaparte, and Holmes Conrad on the Postoffice cases. The future investigation of Postoffice matters was discussed.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K.
Business, shorthand, typewriting—\$25 a yr.—Adv.

Objected to the Vote.

E. W. Sprague, of New York, was one of the delegates who made speeches against the action taken, and he wanted a reconsideration of the last vote. He was ruled out of order when Mr. Schirm called attention to the fact that such a motion must come from one having voted in the affirmative. As he took his seat, Mr. Sprague shouted: "Yes, shut us out. That is what you have been trying to do ever since our Congressman friend came to the front. But I tell you the Spiritualists' Association will be torn asunder if this action is permitted to continue."

Says Contract Was Valid.

The contract of December 7, 1898, which E. R. Lyon obtained, and in which Mr. Littauer is said to have been interested, was supposed to furnish the earnest money for a contract in section 373. In discussing this contract, Mr. Knox says it was executed properly, and all goods delivered satisfactorily. Consequently no demand could be made under this contract for a return of part of the money paid on the clause in section 373 upon which action must be necessarily be brought.

Attorney General's Views.

"Advance," as used in this section, is said by Mr. Knox to have the ordinary legal meaning, and cannot be applied to a contract which has been executed. The Attorney General also calls attention to the well-known principle of law that where a contract has been executed the consideration cannot be recovered simply on the ground that the contract was void, when the party paying the consideration "got full value for his money."

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LITTAUER CASE NOW DEAD ISSUE, MR. KNOX RULES

Attorney General Finds
It's Too Late to Do
Anything Now.

GOT FULL VALUE, TOO

Thinks No Useful Purpose
Would Be Subservied by
Further Action.

Representative Lucius N. Littauer cannot be prosecuted for the part he is alleged to have taken in obtaining Government glove contracts, in violation of section 373, of the "Revised Statutes of the United States, which forbids members of Congress to share the benefits of contracts with the Government.

Attorney General Knox has considered the Littauer case, and transmitted an opinion to the War Department, in which he says no action can be brought against Mr. Littauer by the Government to recover money, and no criminal action is possible, because the statutory period of limitation within which such action could be brought, elapsed more than a year ago.

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ENGLISHMEN THINK U. S. MAY CONCEDE POINT TO CANADA

One American Commissioner Said to Consider
Terms Unjust—"London Globe" Expresses
Bitterness Over Result.

BIRMINGHAM, Oct. 22.—The "Post"

today reports that the belief is prevalent in official quarters that, notwithstanding the terms of the Alaskan awards, the United States may make some concessions to Canada on the question of boundary. At least one of the American commissioners favors such action.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The "Globe," in a long editorial today, assails the English members of the Alaskan Commission, who, it says, have pleased the United States at the expense of the good-will of Canada.

"A Disastrous Mistake."

The paper says in part: "Deeply as we regret the decision of the Alaskan boundary tribunal, there will be some sort of value in it if it convinces this and future British governments of the insensate folly of pandering to American good-will at the expense of Colonial feeling."

Canada is sore and angry at the way she has been treated, and we do not wonder at it. If our statesmen imagine that in the temporary good-will of the United States they have secured an off-

President's Congratulations.

The following cablegram from President Roosevelt to the American members of the Alaskan Boundary Commission was made public today at the White House:

"October 20, 1903.
Messrs. Lodge, Turner, and Root, care American Embassy, London, England.
Congratulations you, and thank you heartily on behalf of American people.
THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

"PROPHET" DOWIE PLANS AN ASSAULT ON ROME

"Elijah" Purposes the Conversion of Pope Pius.

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MR. NIXON TELLS OF HIS EFFORTS TO GET MONEY

Schwab Refused to Aid
Ship Company Unless
Especially Favored.

COULD NOT GET QUORUM

Steel President's Friends
Failed to Attend Meeting
Until Crash Came.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Additional information on the peculiar business methods followed in the formation of the United States Shipbuilding Company was given today by Lewis Nixon, president of the company, who continued his testimony in the proceedings brought to make the office of receiver permanent.

Nixon told yesterday of plants turned in without appraisal, and of a salary of \$18,000 to lawyer Max Pam.

Failed to Get Quorum.

Mr. Nixon, continuing his testimony this morning, said that previous to the application for a receiver he had made repeated attempts to hold a meeting of the board of directors, but always failed to get a quorum. The Schwab members of the board failed to attend. After the publication for the application for a receiver, a meeting was held. Mr. Nixon said that a reorganization committee was formed, but he did not know what the committee was doing except what little information was given him by Max Pam.

Nixon said that he exhausted every means to get money, and that in April, 1903, he felt that the company could not go on.

Then came the general talk on plans for reorganization with Schwab and others. Schwab, according to witness, said that he would not assist the company, unless prior lien bonds on all shipbuilding companies be given him. These bonds were to go ahead of first mortgage bonds of the company. Mr. Nixon, continuing, said:

Wished to Assess Stock.

"I wanted to assess the stock. I told Mr. Schwab that I thought there would be objection to his proposition that his \$100,000 go ahead of the other \$16,000,000 of first-mortgage bonds. Then I learned that the plan for the reorganization committee was that Mr. Schwab was to give to the combine \$2,000,000 in cash to help it out, and that he was to give up his \$100,000 in the bonds of the company, but that he was to receive in return \$12,000,000 prior lien bonds, which were to take precedence over all other bonds."

Mr. Nixon told Mr. Schwab that he objected to the plan, but that he desired that the company should go on, and finally assented. He said that while he realized that this plan might not be exactly fair to the first bondholders, of whom he was one, yet he felt that if the company could only go on, all would come out right.

UNIVERSALISTS HOLD PRELIMINARY SESSION

The Universalists ministers of the United States met today at the Church of Our Father preliminary to the biennial convention which is called for tomorrow morning. Delegates from nearly every State in the Union were present.

TWO UNHAPPY WIVES ASK TO BE DIVORCED

Annie Flaherty today instituted proceedings against her husband, Thomas Flaherty, for separate support and maintenance. They were married in the District in 1899. Mrs. Flaherty says soon after her marriage her husband began to drink to excess, and often assaulted her. Campbell Carrington is named as counsel for the complainant.

Marie Burgi also instituted proceedings for support against her husband, Albert Burgi. They were married in the District in 1894. She says her husband abused her violently, treated her inhumanly, and deserted her. Stuart McNamara is named as counsel for Mrs. Burgi.

FOREIGN DIPLOMATISTS GREET SECRETARY HAY

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, called on Secretary Hay this afternoon. He said he has no news from the East, and called to ask Secretary Hay if he has had any recent advice concerning the Manchurian situation.

Baron von dem Buseck-Haddenhausen, first secretary of the German embassy, called at the State Department this morning. When asked if the report is true that Baron von Sternburg, the German ambassador, will not return to Washington, he laughed and refused to discuss the report.

Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minister, who has just returned from Europe, called on Secretary Hay to pay his respects.

NEW SMALLPOX CASES.

Two new cases of smallpox were reported to the Health Office today. The victims are the two sister of Thomas Goss, who was carried to the detention camp October 3, suffering from the same disease. The girls, Anna and Ruth, aged nineteen and eleven, respectively, were taken from their home, 1225 G Street southeast.

Many actors and singers use Pina's Cure to strengthen the voice and prevent hoarseness. Adv.

AGED MAN IN LAW SUIT.

RICHMOND, Ind., Oct. 22.—Alexander Ferguson, who is 115 years old, is this week figuring in a law suit in the Delaware county circuit court. The case is one brought by Ferguson against J. Younce for possession of real estate which the latter came into possession of as guardian. Many visit the court room just to get a glimpse of the old man.

Clear of Knots Floorings, \$2.00 Per

100 ft. Libby's, 6th and N. Y. ave.—Adv.